



Montefiore

*From the* OFFICE OF THE DEAN



**Dear Einstein Community:**

It is my great pleasure to share with you the news that [Ulrich Steidl, M.D., Ph.D.](#), has accepted the position of chair of cell biology at Einstein. Uli is well-known to many of you, so you are aware that he is an outstanding choice for this position, given his dedication to scientific excellence and his proven leadership.

Uli joined our faculty in 2008 and is now a professor of cell biology, of oncology, and of medicine. He is also deputy director of Montefiore Einstein Cancer Center (MECC), co-director of MECC's Blood Cancer Institute, and interim director of the Gottesman Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine Research.

His investigations have made key contributions to the discovery and molecular characterization of myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) and acute myeloid leukemia as diseases driven by heterogeneous pools of premalignant and malignant stem cells. This work has led to the discovery, study, and therapeutic targeting of disease-driving stem cells in hematologic malignancies, which has resulted in innovative clinical trials. His significant contributions in the field were recognized when he was selected to receive an Outstanding Investigator Award from the National Cancer Institute in 2021.

In a recent message of mine, I shared that Uli was among those receiving an appointment from our trustees. He now holds the Edward P. Evans Endowed

Professorship for Myelodysplastic Syndromes, which was newly established at Einstein by the Edward P. Evans Foundation in recognition of the outstanding research in MDS that Uli's lab has carried out at the College of Medicine. The honor also recognizes his leadership, together with Amit Verma, M.D., in recruiting other MDS investigators to Einstein as well as highly successful collaborations over the years. It also acknowledges his efforts to foster the success of these and other faculty members, while supporting postdocs and graduate students in their endeavors to advance discoveries within the field.

Uli's work in translational research also was recognized at our commencement in May 2020, when he received our Saul R. Korey Award in Translation Science and Medicine. On multiple occasions—in 2013, 2017, 2019, and 2020—Uli has received our Julius Marmur Mentorship Award for Outstanding Mentoring in Graduate Research. He also has previously received the Scholar Achievement Award of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the National Institute of Health's Howard Temin Award in Cancer Research, and he is a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation.

While eminently qualified and capable, in accepting this appointment, Uli will have big shoes to fill—his predecessor, [Arthur Skoultschi, Ph.D.](#), has led the department with distinction for the past 24 years. Art is known for providing exceptional intellectual and compassionate leadership, encouraging and supporting the professional and personal growth of all members of the department, including faculty, postdocs, students, and staff, all while maintaining his own highly innovative and productive research program and contributions to the leadership of our institution, spearheading the significant growth of the cell biology department, securing key strategic recruitments, and creating an environment that stimulated the exemplary research and teaching accomplishments of the department.

Please join me in congratulating Uli on his new role and in thanking Art for his years of exceptional service to Einstein.

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Tomaselli', with a stylized, flowing script.

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